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# Christmas Extra

## Building Health Bucharest International Forum 2015.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup> was held the Building Health Bucharest international Forum 2015.

The Forum was a unique project of interprofessional communication, which brought together, for the first time in Romania, two of the most important professions, of physicians and architects, within an unprecedented event about the quality of the healthcare environment and about the influence of architecture on the quality of life of patients and physicians alike.

It was an honor for me to be invited for this forum, this well-organized healthcare congress....

The forum was organized under the aegis of the Romanian College of Physicians and of the Order of the Architects of Romania, the most important professional organizations in Romania, members of international and European associations in the field. The event was the result of a strategic partnership recently established between the two professional organizations.

Building Health Bucharest International Forum did bring together more than 200 visitors, like physicians, healthcare managers, architects with projects, some Engineers... and a few international speakers.

They appreciate the reference work, in the international context, of the IFHE on the importance of hospital engineering and asked me to tell something about "Healthcare Environment".

In Romania they don't have an engineer's association in Healthcare, that's why it was a forum between those professions. The position of an engineer is still very low during the process of building a new hospital. On the other site they didn't build much new hospitals in the last 25 years. But they see the changing position of the engineer and have the intention to get involved into the IFHE. The President of the Order of the Architects of Romania, Arch. Serban Țigănaș promised to get in contact with the engineers and will investigate the possibility of memberships in there association are to create a separated association.....we keep in touch about that. I am looking forward to this and hope Romania will be member of the IFHE soon.

*Douwe Kiestra*

## The Mexican XV International Congress "Hospital of the Future"

The Mexican Society of Architects Specialized in Health (SMAES) organized on November 26, 27, and 28 of 2015 the XV International Congress "Hospital of the Future"

Liliana Font president of the IFHE and Douwe Kiestra incoming president of the IFHE where invited to participate in the realization of Reinventing Paradigms, taking place in Mexico.





The main issues asked by was the current status of the different care models in the world, qualitative and quantitative behavior of health services and at what cost in different economies, or which would be the visionary approach to a health system that is fair and efficient as well as its implications and challenges within the hospital architecture.

They do sense the importance of the moment, the emergence of new paradigms, and the need to incorporate technologies; reorder allocation formats and control of services, as well as expanding coverage to new procedures. In the end, to propose and implement innovations product of their experience and talents to respond to the Mexican population.

We were asked to address the issue "Analysis and criticism of the quality and livability of architecture for healthcare in the European context". We took the visitors with us in showing them the healthcare situation now in the Netherlands and the chancing's for the coming 10 years.

We are looking back on a professional very well organized congress with tremendous hospitality. A special moment on the end of the congress was the presentation by Liliana Font of the IFHE certificate with the A-status for Mexico. The happiness was huge and a lot of them intent to be present on the world-congress next year in the Netherlands.

Douwe Kiestra



### **The 24<sup>th</sup> World-Congress of the IFHE in the Netherlands - The Hague 2016**

We are glad you to communicate that the preparations for the 24<sup>th</sup> World-congress of the IFHE, 18-20 April next year in The Netherlands - The Hague, are on schedule....

A few highs in relation to the progress:

- The call for papers is closed now, we did receive a lot of papers with a high quality. We will thank all the people who took the trouble for sending a paper. The scientific committee will announce soon the papers who are been chosen.
- The numbers of entries for the International Building Award runs well.  
We noticed a high number of interest in it and we are very happy about that, therefore we extended registration till 31 December. We don't have all registrations of those who promised to send one, therefore we ask all council members to inform your members about this unique possibility, to win the first World Award.
- For companies who are interested in the exhibition, there are still a few places available, but the number of registrations goes fast. You can find all information about this on our website [www.ifhe2016.info](http://www.ifhe2016.info)



- We have expanded the choice for hotels.  
There were a little difficulties but it is already possible to book a hotel now.  
Also if you are intend to stay longer then the congress days.
- Registration for the congress is still scheduled for mid-January

The organization is looking forward to meet you all in April, but asked you also again to bring the congress, as much as possible, under the attention of you members. A lot of announcements and newsletters will follow, please sent those to all your members, but also to the companies and the people who are interested in our congress. We are very grateful for that.

Kind regards,

*Douwe Kiestra, Vice president IFHE*



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#### 2016

16 April	IFHE Executive Committee meeting 41, The Hague, Netherlands
17 April	IFHE Council meeting 49 The Hague,, Netherlands
18-20 April	IFHE 24 <sup>th</sup> Congress organised by NVTG at the World Forum, The Hague, Netherlands.

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Your sincerely

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